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EXPANSION AND MODERNISATION OF SEED PRODUCTION FACILITIES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has taken some concrete steps for the expansion and modernisation of seed production facilities in the public sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the farmers are not getting good quality seeds resulting poor agricultural growth etc. in the country; and
- (d) if so, how the expansion and modernization of seed production facilities are going to benefit farmers in a big way?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To strengthen seed production facilities, a Central Sector Scheme on Development and Strengthening of infrastructure facilities for production and distribution of quality seeds has been launched this year for Xth Plan period with an outlay of Rs. 159 crores. One of the components under this very scheme is assistance for creation of seed processing infrastructure and storage facilities in the public sector and the provision for the remaining years of the Xth Plan is Rs. 12.70 crores.

(c) and (d) Farmers are generally getting good quality seeds and the scheme will enhance the availability and distribution of quality seeds in the country.